ever, as per 1981 census, the houseless population in the four major cities was as follows:—

Name of the City	Houseless Population as on 1-3-81
1. Calcutta	48440
2. Bombay . . .	50185
3. Delhi	26772
4. Madras . . .	7525

(b) Housing is a State subject. However, the Central Govt, is implementing a scheme for construction of night shelter and sanitation facilities for the benefit of footpath dwellers under which Central subsidy upto Rs. 1000l- per beneficiary can be released for construction of night shelter and sanitation facilities and Rs. 350/- per beneficiary for construction of pay and use toilets with balance cost borne by the implementing agency from its resources of a loan from HUDCO. This can be released to local bodies and other designated agencies including NCOs and voluntary organisations, according to preserved guidelines thiough HUDCO. The schemes can be taken up in any urban areas wherever the problem of footpath dwellers is more acute.

(c) with a view to making the night shelter and snitation facilities Dwellers self supporting and viable, the guidelines of the scheme have been revised. The scheme can now be taken up as a composite mix with remuneration components, so as to reduce the loan burden of the beneficiary agency and *in* defray maintenance cost to some extent and make the schemes more flexible so long as the basic aim of reaching the night shelter and sanitation to footpath dwellers and urban homeless is net.

Unauthorised Construction in Delhi

1480. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH: SHRI . SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of URAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the study conducted by the DDA and other civic authorities the number of buildings constructed illegally in violation of the Municipal by-laws an unauthorised commercial complexes constructed in residential areas as also res idential buildings converted into unauthorised commercial establishments in the city has enhacned;

(b) the number of such illegal constructions demolished or which are to be demolished; and

(c) in how many cases stay orders have been obtained by the owners from the Courts and the steps taken by Government in the matter keeping stay order in view?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The number of such cases detected during the last three years by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Committee and Delhi Cantonment Board are reported as under:—

According to Delhi Development Authority no such study has been conducted by it. However, 1852 cases of unauthorised constructions are reported to have been booked by DDA from 1-10-93 to 1-3.93 in various rious colonies under its jurisdiction.

MCD	18489
NDMC	632
Delhi Cantonment Board .	267

(b) During the last three years, the number of construction demolished by MCD, NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board are 602 66 and 6 respectively. The Delhi Cantonment Board have also compounded 15 cases alter imposition of fines. The remaining cases are also under process under the relevant laws. DDA has reported that 497 sealing-cum-demolition orders have been issued by its Building Department out of which sealing has been done in 54 cases and demolition carried out in 16 cases.

(c) The number of cases as reported by MCD, NDMC, Delhi Cantonment Board and DDA in which the onwers have obtained stay orders are as under:—

MCD . . .	383
NDMC	58
Delhi Cantonment Board .	3
DDA . .	48

These agencies are vigourously pursuing the cases in various courts to get the stay orders vacated.

M. C. D. Colony in Bad Shape

1481. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVTYA: Will the Minister of URBAN" DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi Colony which is only a year old is in a very bad shape and that the occupancy of the flats is only 60 to 70 per cent.

(b) if so, whether any investigation into the bad construction of the flats and their non-maintenance, has been made by Government,

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to fix the responsibility for the bad construction of the flats poor maintenance and lack of basic facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP MENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WA TER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) As reported by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi no specific reply can be given as name of the particular colony is not mentioned in the question. How ever. M.C.D. has reported that it is carrying out regular maintenance of all its staff colonies.

Total Area under Ridge in Delhi

1482. SHRI ANANT RAM JAIS-WAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total area under, Ridge in Delhi and what are the va rious agencies controlling different part of the Ridge alongwith corres ponding areas under each agency;

(b) how much area of the Ridge has been under encroachment as on 1st January, 1993 the type of en-roachment and the action taken by each agency separately to remove the encroachments;

(c) how much area of the Ridge is being used by CRPF and other paramilitary forces for its camps on 1st January, 1993 and whether Government would take action to remove such camps in order to maintain the character of the Ridge; and

(d) whether Government propose to handover the maintenance .of Ridge to a single agency and also to take steps to reclaim the Ridge grounds from encroachment and to stop other illegal use of Ridge ground as Well?